

# **New Horizons School School Council Meeting Minutes**

**April 15, 2026**

**7:00PM - 8:00PM**

**Hybrid In-Person (New Horizons School) / Virtual Meeting**

**Attendees:** Beverly Doucette, Ellen Hanna, Elizabeth Macve, Anita Sanderson, Stacey Stang-Stass, Lori Vigfusson, Rebecca Koziak, Amanda Bullion, Jessie Olfert

- 1. Meeting Called to Order at 7:16 pm**  
Beverly Doucette as Chair.
- 2. Statement of Territorial Acknowledgement**  
The School Council of the New Horizons Charter School respectfully acknowledges that the land on which we meet is Treaty 6 territory, a traditional home, gathering place, and a travelling route for diverse Indigenous Peoples, including Cree, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Nakota, Sioux, as well as the homeland of the Metis Nation. We recognize our responsibility as Treaty members and honour the heritage and gifts of the First Peoples of this land.
- 3. Adoption of Agenda**  
Amend agenda to include Funding Requests as point 7 and to add Craft Club request.  
**MOTION: Beverly Doucette moved to adopt the agenda as amended.**  
**Seconded by Ellen Hanna, motion carried.**
- 4. Approval of Minutes: March 11, 2026**  
**MOTION: Beverly Doucette moved to table the May 11, 2026 minutes to the May 13, 2026 meeting.**  
**Seconded by Stacey Stang-Sass, motion carried.**
- 5. Reports**
  - 5.1. Chair/Vice-Chair/Secretary Report/Junior High Liaison/Officer at Large**  
Movie Night update was shared.
  - 5.2. Principal's Report**  
Principal's report attached.
  - 5.3. Staff Report**  
Ms. Olfert shared a report: current school clubs: intramurals, Reach, Ukulele, Drama, Chicks and Quackers club (application-based), Garden Club, and Craft Club. JH: multi-sport student-led initiatives happening. Grade 6s are presenting their mini-golf courses. JH field trips: Meti Crossing, Riverwalk, Citadel. JH badminton and track and field events in May (parent volunteers will be requested). Elementary will have outdoor field days that also require volunteers.
  - 5.4. Finance Officer's Report**  
Finance report attached.

**5.5. FANHS Report**

JH Dance had an impending fund change request to reallocate funds from the School Support/Academic support \$200 going to Events, JH Dance. Motioned to approve potential targeted fundraising efforts at the Spring Carnival that would support the Wellness Cart. Next FANHS meeting will take place after the SC AGM and the Board's meeting wherein the school budget is finalized.

**5.6. Communication Officer's Report**

ENEWS being sent weekly.

**5.7. Committee Reports**

Kindness Wall is still open for submissions. The AIR committee has been meeting to discuss both the next AIR as well as best practices. Anyone interested in joining is encouraged to attend. School Council will also be working to actively solicit parents for the Team Spirit Committee for next year.

**6. Motion to accept reports**

**MOTION: Beverly Doucette moved to accept reports as presented.  
Seconded by Stacey Stang-Sass, motion carried.**

**7. Funding Requests**

**7.1. Wheelchair Basketball**

Lori requested \$1,500 from Academic Support for the Wheelchair Basketball.

**MOTION: Ellen Hanna moved to use \$1,500 from Academic Support for Wheelchair Basketball  
Seconded by Beverly Doucette, motion carried.**

**7.2. Junior High Dance**

Lori requested reallocation of funds from the School Support/Academic Support \$200 going to Events, Junior High Dance to cover the increased cost of the DJ.

**MOTION: Amanda Bullion moved to reallocate \$200 from School Support/Academic Support to Events, JH Dance, pending FANHS' approval of fund reallocation.  
Seconded by Rebecca Koziak, motion carried.**

**7.3. Craft Club**

A request to reallocate funds from Academic Support of \$100 to Clubs to support the Craft Club was discussed.

**MOTION: Beverly Doucette moved to reallocate \$100 from Academic Support to Clubs to support the Craft Club, pending FANHS' approval of fund reallocation.  
Seconded by Stacey Stang-Sass, motion carried.  
Rebecca Koziak and Amanda Bullion abstained from voting.**

**8. Unfinished Business**

**8.1. Spring Carnival**

Spring Carnival planning committee welcomes any volunteers who would like to participate. The Spring Carnival will take place on May 23, 2026.

**8.2. 2026/27 Fund Allocation Considerations**

School Council members will meet with Lori next week to discuss the upcoming

Fund Allocation.

**8.3. Artist in Residence**

Update provided during reports.

**8.4. Grab n' Go Nutrition Cart**

An update was provided on the Grab n' Go Nutrition Cart. The trial run of this initiative has been going smoothly and has been well received by both students and teachers. Teachers have commented on how they often purchase snacks for a snack drawer available to students in the classroom, and that the Nutrition Cart helps to fill this need. H&W Produce is being used, rather than Odd Box. The focus has been on finding high protein grab-and-go items. The toaster idea was scrapped as it takes too long.

Going forward, there is a need to consider how the cart will be funded.

Discussion included the possibility of grants or in-school fundraising possibilities.

**8.5. May AGM**

Discussion was held about how to communicate the busy times of each position to parents who might be interested in joining the executive. Ellen will work on communications material for inviting all parents to join the meeting.

**9. New Business**

**9.1. Future School Event Planning and SC Outreach**

No further school events are likely at this time, given that it is close to the end of the year, Spring Carnival will be towards the end of May, and June is a very busy month for teachers and families.

**9. Future Meeting Dates**

May 13, 2026 AGM and Regular meeting

NB: No June meeting

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**10. Meeting Adjourned at 8:43 PM.**